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Mr Wm Lloyd Garrison

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of yesterday is before me, & I shall be very happy to put the lecture into the hands of the Express <sup>box</sup> this P.M. directed to you; & sincerely hope you will not spare me in your criticisms of it. Not that I do not feel timid in thus submitting it to one who has had so many years' experience in literary & reformatory labors; but because I so earnestly desire to do the most good possible with this effort of mine, feeling as I do, the necessity <sup>very</sup> honest & active endeavor on the part of all who see the impending danger to our Country.

I fully endorse every sentiment expressed



in your letter, yet you will see that I have endeavored to make my lecture general in its character, & to avoid offending the political prejudices of any audiences to such an extent ~~that~~ as shall cause them to reject <sup>my</sup> ~~the~~ ideas & conclusions regarding the animus of S. Carolinians in the past & present - as those of a biased mind.

I desire that the influence of the lecture shall be of that subtle & fundamental character, which shall, ~~without~~ perhaps without exhibiting any very striking color its-self, give its color, or diffuse its light upon the past, present & future acts of the South Carolinian people & politicians; & as that State has set the type of Southern character, of those of the whole South.

You will observe some notes I have made of illustrating incidents I give extempo-



ranously, in various parts of the address.

While I know one should be very thankful for the art of writing, I often, as now, feel its inadequacy to express what one might say if in personal conversation. <sup>I leave the lecture.</sup> &c.

For over fifteen years <sup>framed</sup> a lithographic likeness of Mr Wm L. Garrison has been among my house-hold treasures; and, realizing as I do, how much the personal presence of a speaker influences the convictions an audience entertains of the veracity and earnestness of such speaker, & wishing to give you the benefit of such influence, I enclose a not very good photograph of my humble self, but the best I can at this time. The sitting figure is my land-lady in Halifax N. S. last summer, & the standing, your rather dull looking correspondent.

Appreciating your kindness in taking the trouble to correspond with one who,



while being greatly aided by you, can  
be of no service to you, as well as your  
disinterestedness in examining my  
Ms. I remain most-sincerely

Yours for the Truth  
Harriet N. H. Goff

Wm Lloyd Garrison.